

*New Fire Station #3 on Kalberer Road*

View from the City Summit

Mayor John Dennis highlighted many milestones of 2012 in his State of the City address at the City Summit, held February 4 at City Hall. He noted that multiple road projects, including three new roundabouts, were completed on time and within budget to better handle the traffic from the 70,000 people who travel the roads every day. The improvements to Yeager and Cumberland will serve the community for years to come.

Development in Wabash Commons and Purdue Research Park intensified in 2012 and will continue to increase with more projects slated along Northwestern Avenue in 2013.

"The theme of 2012 was cooperation and our partnerships flourished," said Dennis, as evidenced by the completion of the new Fire Station #3 on Kalberer Road. It was a collaborative effort with Purdue University, Purdue Research Foundation and the City of West Lafayette. The Community Partnership Team continues to address the many joint interests between "Town and Gown," and city departments all work with Purdue departments to develop this dynamic city.

Other achievements included adding more trails to the trail system, making park improvements, beautifying campus gateways, planting trees in neighborhoods, and delivering almost 5,000 recycling totes to residents. "2012 was a banner year," reported Dennis.

Extraordinary Efforts

Volunteer Recognition Awards were presented to Paul Butler, Jenny Jundos, John MacDonald, Kumares Sinha, Don Wood, and Eddie Yeoman at the February 4 City Summit/City Council meeting as a gesture of gratitude for their outstanding service.

Paul Butler | Hands-On Nature Lover Paul is a very active Parks & Recreation volunteer and lends his hands and talents in multiple areas. He spearheads the certification of the Celery Bog Nature Area as a National Wildlife Habitat and serves as a volunteer host, occasional groundskeeper, and bookkeeper for the Nature Center. As a certified Indiana Master Naturalist, Paul is an invaluable asset to the Nature Center and those who enjoy the facilities.

Jenny Jundos | Recycling Enthusiast Jenny's contributions to Cumberland School's EcoEfforts and lunchroom recycling programs have made positive differences to the school in reducing waste and increasing recyclables and environmental awareness. "Zero waste" events (where materials are recycled or composted) are now encouraged when planning school events, and a Go Green Club was started by third-grade students in response to their desire to make a difference in their surroundings.

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Night Shift

State Street hill

Keeping watch while the city sleeps is the job of the WLPD night shift. Beginning their nightly routine at 6 pm answering calls and working through accidents and rush hour traffic, they proceed to the bar district to help manage those who aren't able to manage alcohol. "Our main goal in the Village is to make sure student residents don't hurt themselves or other people," said Capt. Gary Sparger, Patrol Division Commander.

The squad encourages students to have friends or university Safe Walk escorts walk them home, but will often put bar patrons in taxis if needed. The proactive

approach of talking to campus groups about alcohol-related issues/consequences is more successful than a militant tactic, and there's been a 21 percent decrease in public intoxication from 2010 to 2011 (for all statistics see www.wl.in.gov in Police Department documents tab). "However, we maintain a zero tolerance for drunk driving or violence, and if we do catch someone drinking and driving who is over the legal limit, they will go to jail," stated Sparger.

Beyond the bar scene, the patrol officers make rounds throughout the city, looking for abnormal activity in neighborhoods and

businesses at night and thoroughly patrol the four districts of the city. Residents are encouraged to call the Dispatch Center at (765) 775-5200 or the WeTip Hotline (800) 78-CRIME to report suspicious activity.

On the road, officers make numerous nighttime traffic stops to enforce traffic laws, which sometimes lead to DUI and narcotics arrests. Taking care of the diverse needs of a college town at night is a full-time job for the dedicated, hardworking officers who patrol until dawn. "Our guys aren't sleeping at night," notes Sparger.

Get Fit Challenge

The West Lafayette Health Promotion Committee under the guidance of Diane Foster, Human Resources Director, is leading a health and wellness initiative for city employees to cumulatively lose 1000 pounds in 12 weeks beginning January 15. The Get Fit Challenge is a voluntary program for the 200 employees and includes lunchtime lectures on nutrition, fitness and weight loss tips. Weekly weigh-ins take place at Miracles Fitness. Our slogan is "It's not just about losing; it's what you have to gain!" said Foster.



Seven days
without
exercise
makes one
weak.

NEW HIRES

Christopher Cassidy
Police Department
Probationary Patrol
Dispatcher

Chad Dazey
Fire Department
Entry-Level Firefighter

Nichole Foster
Clerk-Treasurer
Administrative Assistant

Diana Lohrman
Wastewater Treatment
Utility Lab Technician

Caleb Owens
Street & Sanitation
Department
Driver/Collector/Processor

Brad Schwartz
Fire Department
Entry-Level Firefighter

Jeremy Wheeler
Information Technology
Systems Administrator

Hector Zaragoza
Fire Department
Entry-Level Firefighter





Shades of Spring

by Mayor
John Dennis

Usually around this time of year, the most common question I hear is, "Are you ready for spring yet?" I always love that question, as it gives me a chance to share my excitement and enthusiasm about what spring has to offer our citizens and

Mayor's Column

describe the hard work our city employees have accomplished to keep our city moving forward.

As most are aware, the Street and Sanitation Department works diligently to keep our streets safe and free of snow and ice. During this very busy time of year, Street Commissioner David Downey and his staff delivered new recycling totes with bright yellow lids to all West Lafayette homes.

While these colorful things have been added to our community, some other colorful things have gone away. Those things would be orange and in the shape of barrels and cones. I am happy to say that construction at Yeager, Northwestern, Cumberland and US 231 is complete, and all traffic restrictions have been removed. Unfortunately, as we continue to grow and maintain our existing infrastructure, more cones and barrels are in our future.

Other colors showing up this spring will be green, red and blue. Trees will leaf out in our beautiful parks and trails. Our firefighters took possession of their new fire station on Kalberer Road, and police officers in blue will be patrolling on foot in the Village area or by bicycle in our parks.

Spring is a time of renewal and presents an opportunity for us to get outside and enjoy all that our city has to offer. I encourage all of you to take advantage of these opportunities to free yourselves from the winter confines of your homes, get some fresh air, and enjoy the trails, parks, bike paths and beautiful scenery that makes West Lafayette such a wonderful place to live.

Road Map: Looking Both Ways

Surveying the accomplishments from 2012 and looking ahead to 2013, Public Works Director Dave Buck maps out a plan.

2012 Summary

These improvements were opened on-time and within budget.

Cumberland Avenue, Phase II (Yeager to Salisbury) Opened in time for Thanksgiving weekend. Final inspections will be completed in the spring.

Yeager Road, Phase I (Northwestern to US 52) Opened in time for Purdue's fall semester. Lights and landscaping were installed and all work has been completed.

Yeager Road, Phase II (Kalberer to ¼ mile north) Opened before Christmas. Work behind curbs will be completed in the spring.

Curb and Sidewalk Replacements (Dehart, Connolly, Lawn & Oak) Completed in the spring and fall. New street trees will be planted this year.

Street Resurfacing and Crack Sealing
(various locations throughout the city)

2013 Look Ahead

Northwestern will be very busy with numerous developments and construction projects this year! Please be aware of lane restrictions, detours and plan to use alternate routes.



Northwestern Avenue (Lindberg to Yeager) Includes new curbs, sidewalks, traffic signal at Lindberg, trail, island, lights and landscaping to continue this gateway into Purdue's campus. Work will be completed during the summer.

US 231 INDOT will repair concrete sidewalks, ramps, and curves, as well as resurface all of existing US 231 (River Road, Fowler/Wiggins, and Northwestern) from South River Road to US 52. This work will last all summer.

Indiana American Water The water company will replace a water main along Northwestern between Meridian Street and Lindberg Road. Work is scheduled from March to June.

Vectren Gas Company Will replace a gas main along most of Ravinia Road.

Salisbury Street Safety Improvements, Phase III (Rainbow Drive to US 52) Utility relocations will commence this fall as weather and other construction projects allow. Completion is slated for August 2014.

Street Resurfacing (various locations throughout the city)

ADA Ramps and Hazard Removals (University Farms Subdivision and various other locations)

"A good plan is like a road map: it shows the final destination and usually the best way to get there."

H. Stanley Judd



Building Blocks

The cityscape is undergoing transformation with the addition of new buildings near campus. Development Director Chandler Poole comments on their progress.

720 Northwestern Avenue To be located across from Mackey Arena, the 5-story building will house 230 apartment units (490 bedrooms) with underground parking, and an innovative grocery with online shopping and free home delivery. It is slated to be completed by August 2014.

516 Northwestern Avenue The 3-story joint office/retail/academic facility is anticipated to break ground in February, and will include Wang Laboratory – a research and lab facility of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, as well as office and retail space. The estimated date for completion is 2014.

State Street Corner The buildings on the corner of State and Northwestern will be another combined residential and commercial complex. CVS Pharmacy will be an anchor tenant and a welcome addition to the near campus area. Construction will begin spring 2013.

Faith West, 1920 Northwestern Avenue The Faith Ministries multi-use facility located at the previous Family Inn site will include a community sports gymnasium, preschool, community meeting space, fitness center, neighborhood café, and housing for 120. The center will house the Purdue Bible Fellowship, and space for student/community counseling. It will be open this summer.

IU Health The cornerstone of the new Wabash Commons development on Sagamore Parkway West, IU Health is under construction and will be open this summer for patients.



Town-Gown

Purdue English 108 students created videos documenting West Lafayette landmarks: two videos of Tom Toluemke's murals, "The Delight of Accomplishment" in the Chauncey Village Walkway; five videos highlighting Sagamore West Farmers Market vendors; and nine videos featuring historical landmark businesses including Harry's Chocolate Shop, Triple XXX, Graves Bakery, Sparkleton Dry Cleaners, University Bookstore, Varsity Apartments, Southworth Bookstore, and Eclectic Salon (home of the first city hall and fire department). The students enjoyed learning more about the community that surrounds their campus. All of the videos are available on the city's website.

Fire and Police Departments from the city and university continue to collaborate on safety, training, and patrols with a unified approach to major incidents.

Transportation plans for the 231 Corridor, Stadium Avenue, Harrison Street and Northwestern Avenue are coordinated between both Purdue and the City of West Lafayette.



Triple XXX in 1936.



Spring Cleaning

The Street & Sanitation Department and the Neighborhood Resource Team encourage residents to be environmentally responsible when making a clean sweep this spring.

Household hazardous waste (pesticides, paint thinners, vehicle fluids, oil-based paint, household cleaners, etc.) may be taken to Tippecanoe County Solid Waste Management, 2770 N. 9th Street, Lafayette (765) 423-2858 for free disposal.

For unwanted items in good condition, contact Goodwill Industries (1-855-GW-PIK-UP or www.goodwillindy.org/ pickup) for facility drop off or home pickup information.

Electronics may be dropped off at Oscar Winski's eRecycling facility at 2217 N. Ninth Street, Lafayette. For a full listing of acceptable items and fees, see www.oscarwinski.com/erecycling.

www.wl.in.gov

New Address! The city website address is shortened to www.wl.in.gov and email addresses for city employees to example@wl.in.gov. It's easier than ever to stay in touch.

Firefighters Shopping Spree

Members of the West Lafayette Fire Department held a "Shop with a WL Firefighter" event before the holidays in 2012. Over \$5000 was donated into boots placed at the cash registers at Triple XXX and Route 66 restaurants to support the shopping event. The funds were shared with the Lafayette Fire Department. Thirty-one children participated; ten volunteer firefighters and all on-duty West Lafayette firefighters enjoyed this outing. Thanks to the firefighters and to restaurant owners, Greg and Carrie Ehresman, for supporting this fun-filled shopping spree for and with children.

*Stephan and Marissa Boerrigter
dance to Twist and Shout*

*Sarah Wilcoxson in 2012 Mor'
Danc'n Recital*

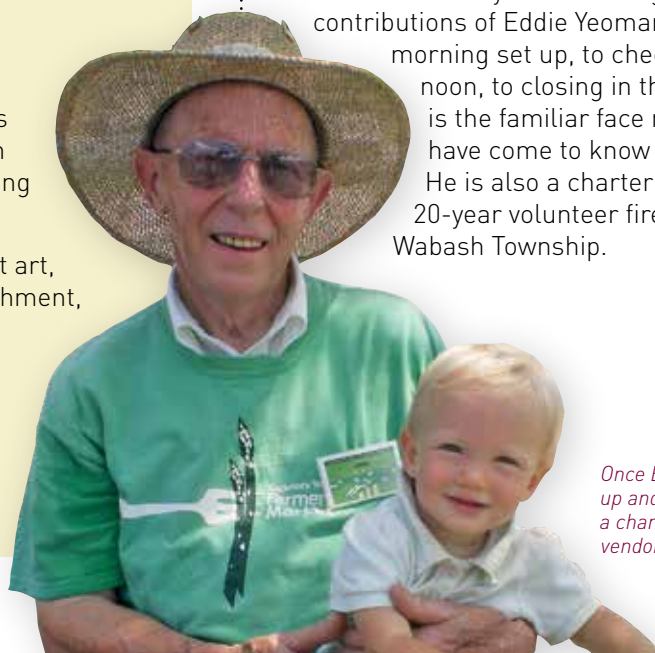


Dance it Up!

Come celebrate the 20th Annual Mor' Danc'n Recital on Saturday, April 27 at the Purdue Loeb Playhouse at 4 pm. Hundreds of bedazzled children will fill the stage to showcase a variety of ballet, jazz, hip hop, lyrical jazz, and tap dances, plus the show-stopping "Dad's dances" to a packed auditorium. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, contact Brenda Lorenz, Director, Morton Community Center at (765) 775-5120.

Morton Center is offering new and exciting classes this winter/spring: dance team skills; gourd art; Russian and German for children; sculpture classes for children; letterboxing; drawing and painting with Jeannette Rehmel; and a class focused on discovering your inner happiness.

These classes augment seasonal favorites like adult art, crafts, dance, fitness and wellness, preschool enrichment, and youth workshops.



*Once Eddie has the market
up and running, he has
a chance to visit with the
vendors' children.*



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John MacDonald | Dedicated Outdoorsman

John's selfless contribution as an Emergency Tree Squad volunteer for the Tree Fund is greatly appreciated by the city. With a professional background in medical entomology, John's retirement has included helping the prevention of West Nile virus, development of a Purdue website about insects, ticks and associated diseases, and presentations on the natural history of insects for Wednesdays in the Wild.

Kumares Sinha | Transportation Solutions

As a world renowned expert in transportation engineering and infrastructure systems management, Kumares has ably chaired the West Lafayette Traffic Commission for over 10 years. The commission advises and coordinates traffic activities, receives traffic complaints, and gives recommendations on ways and means to improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic. He is also a Sagamore of the Wabash award recipient and a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

Don Wood | Emergency Tree Squad

Seasons of service mark Don's life whether as a medical administration specialist in the Air Force, an activity therapist at Wabash Valley Hospital, or a book sale volunteer at the Tippecanoe County Public Library. He is being recognized for his invaluable service on the E-Tree Squad for voluntary on-call service to prune trees, among other vital Tree Fund duties.

Eddie Yeoman | Farmers Market Mainstay

The success of Sagamore West Farmers Market Wednesdays is due in big part to the contributions of Eddie Yeoman. From early morning set up, to checking in at noon, to closing in the evening, he is the familiar face market-goers have come to know and count on. He is also a charter member and 20-year volunteer firefighter for Wabash Township.

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A Tree City USA 

Farmers Market Needs You

If you'd like to participate in the Sagamore West Farmers Market, go to the Parks Department web page for information.



Recycling News

Five thousand 48-gallon gray recycling carts were delivered to homes between Thanksgiving and Christmas to encourage increased recycling. Larger 96-gallon carts are still available for more passionate recyclers. For residents living in apartment complexes with five or more units, a new recycling center located on the corner of Harrison and Grant Streets will be available sometime in April for more convenient recycling. Recycling reduces landfill waste, saves money, and makes dollars and sense.

Stay connected to all City news at www.wl.in.gov



Sam Postlethwait

Let's Go! Event Calendar

Riverside Skating Center

Call 765.743.7465 for hours
\$4 per person, \$2 skate rental
Tapawingo Park

Purdue Convocations

2/24 Click, Clack, Moo | Family
2/28 Joffrey Ballet | Dance
3/3 Circus Oz | Cirque
3/7 Naomi O'Connell
Chamber Music
4/5 Vijay Iyer Trio | Jazz/Blues
4/11 Brentano String Quartet
Chamber Music
www.convocations.org

Spring Fest and Bug Bowl

April 13 & 14 | 10 am – 4 pm
Purdue campus
www.purdue.edu/springfest

Purdue Grand Prix

April 20 | 2:30 pm
Grand Prix Track
McCormick Road & Cherry Lane

20th Annual Mor' Danc'n Recital

April 27 | 4 pm
Loeb Playhouse

Sagamore West Farmers Market

Wednesdays beginning May 1
3 – 6:30 pm
Cumberland Park

Round the Fountain Art Fair

May 25 | 9 am – 4:30 pm
Courthouse Square

Drug Drop-off

Thursdays | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
February 14 | March 14
April 11 | May 9
West Lafayette Police Station

City Hall CLOSED

February 18 | Presidents' Day
March 29 | Good Friday
May 27 | Memorial Day

